

August 3, 2015

Dear Artist:

Each summer, the Kids, Books and the Arts project is held in conjunction with the statewide summer reading program, sponsored by CHILIS (Children's Librarians of NH). This grant project makes arts programming available to public libraries at an affordable price. Kids, Books and the Arts is made possible through public grants as well as corporate/private sponsorships, and is administered by the New Hampshire State Library.

This fall a committee of NH children's librarians will select eight to twelve presenters to appear on the 2016 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster designed to coordinate with the summer reading program theme. NH public libraries will have the opportunity to apply for grants to hire the roster presenters for a program during the 2016 NH Summer Reading Program. We anticipate awarding 50-60 grants. While roster presenters usually receive at least two bookings each through the grant program, most receive additional bookings just from being on the roster.

As part of the Collaborative Summer Library Program, NH will be using the "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" slogan for its 2016 Children's Summer Reading Program. We are looking for presenters who can create material based on this sports/fitness theme, although we will also accept applications from artists whose material does not adapt easily to this theme. If you believe that you have or can create a program that is reasonably priced and has kid appeal, please read on!

In completing the application form, please remember the following:

- Library programs attract audiences of all ages, including very small children. Be honest about your ability to work with different age groups. Most summer reading program audiences range from toddlers to children in 5th grade.
- Libraries have limited space and resources. Be up front with your space and equipment requirements. If you can only perform indoors, please say so. Indicate all fees.
- Affordability is a must. The average performance cost is about \$375, with additional charges for mileage. Please note: mileage charges cannot be higher than the federal rate of reimbursement.
- You must be willing to travel anywhere within New Hampshire.

Other criteria:

- Most programs run from 45 minutes to an hour.
- Performances that involve audience participation are popular. Interactive, hands-on activities are best for workshops that accompany a performance.
- Libraries appreciate those programs with a minimum of set-up and take-down activities.

All roster presenters will be expected to participate in an afternoon showcase on **Thursday, March 17, 2016** at Southern NH University in Manchester. If you know that you will be unable to come to this afternoon showcase on that date, please do not apply to be on the roster.

Please complete the application parts A, B and C, which can be found on the KBA web page by no later than **October 23, 2015**. You will be notified about the roster selections in late November. If you have any questions, please call me at 603-271-2865 or e-mail me at Ann.Hoey@dcn.nh.gov.

Sincerely,

Ann